

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An impurity removal system for purifying wine removable from a wine source, comprising:

a filtered wine container defined by a collection portion and having an opening for introducing the wine to the collection portion; and

a filtration device in operable communication between the wine source and the container, such that at least a portion of the wine introduced from the wine source is in fluid communication with the filtration device prior to collection in the collection portion of the filtered wine container;

wherein, in operation, the wine is removed from the wine source, introduced to the system, passed through the filtration device and filtered wine flows into the collection portion of the filtered wine container.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a pressure mechanism having at least one internal fluid passageway having an wine entry portion and a filtered wine exit portion;

wherein the filtration device is in fluid communication with the internal fluid passageway between the wine entry portion and the filtered wine exit portion;

wherein, in operation, the pressure mechanism urges the wine from the wine source through the entry portion, through the filtration device, out of the exit portion, through the filtered wine container opening and into the collection portion.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the pressure mechanism further comprises:

a gas entry opening in fluid communication with the wine source; and

a pump mechanism configured to inject gas into the wine source through the gas entry opening, thereby urging wine from the wine source into the unfiltered wine entry portion of the pressure mechanism.

4.-7. Cancelled.

8. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the wine source is a container with a neck portion, wherein the pressure mechanism further comprises a neck-engaging portion configured to frictionally engage the neck portion of the wine source container.

9.-14. Cancelled.

15. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the pressure mechanism further comprises an exit tube having an internal fluid passageway with a filtered wine entry portion, the internal fluid passageway of the exit tube in fluid communication with the filtered wine exit portion.

16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled.

18. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the pressure mechanism and the filtration device are positioned within a housing having a wall, the wine entry portion comprising an entry opening extending through the wall of the housing and in fluid communication with the internal fluid passageway, and the filtered wine exit portion comprising an exit opening extending through a wall of the housing and in fluid communication with the internal fluid passageway.

19. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the filtration device includes a filter medium configured to remove at least one impurity from the wine introduced from the wine source container.

20.-27. Cancelled.

28. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the filtration device includes a filter medium configured to remove at least one impurity from the wine removed from the wine source.

29.-35. Cancelled.

36. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a vacuum mechanism in operable communication with the collection portion of the container and configured to draw the wine introduced into the opening through the filtration device and into the collection portion.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein the filtration device includes a filter housing having a filter housing seal in operable communication with the filter housing and configured to sealingly engage the filter housing in the container.

38. Cancelled.

39. Cancelled.

40. (Original) A method of removing an impurity from wine, comprising the steps of:

(a) introducing wine to a filtration device having a filter medium;
(b) filtering, by the filter medium, the wine as it passes through the filtration device; and

(c) collecting the filtered wine in a container.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the filter medium is activated carbon.

42. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the activated carbon is positioned within a holder device configured to allow the wine to pass therethrough.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the holder device is at least one of a bag, a disk, a pouch, a fabric container and a container with perforated walls.

44. Cancelled.

45. Cancelled.

46. (Original) The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of drawing the wine through the filter medium using at least one of a vacuum mechanism and a pressure mechanism.

47. Cancelled.

48. (Original) An apparatus for removing an impurity from wine for use in connection with a wine source at least partially filled with wine, the apparatus comprising a filtration device in operable communication with the wine source and having a filter medium configured to filter wine introduced from the wine source, such that at least a portion of the wine introduced from the wine source is in fluid communication with the filtration device; wherein the filter medium is capable of removing at least one impurity from the wine introduced from the wine source.

49. (Original) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the filter medium is activated carbon.

50. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the activated carbon is positioned within a holder device configured to allow the wine to pass therethrough.

51. (Original) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the holder device is at least one of a bag, a disk, a pouch, a fabric container and a container with perforated walls.

52. Cancelled.

53. Cancelled.

54. (Original) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the wine is drawn through the filtration device by at least one of a vacuum mechanism and a pressure mechanism.